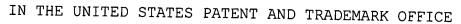
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: FILTRATION METHOD AND FILTER

CONSISTING OF NITROGEN-CONTAINING CYCLES OR

HETEROCYCLES SUCH AS DNA OR RNA NOTABLY FOR FILTERING TOBACCO SMOKE AND A CIGARETTE

INCLUDING SUCH A FILTER

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Sir:

Please additionally amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please additionally amend claims 13 and 16 as follows:

R1

13. (Twice Amended) The filter according to claim 4, such that one or more acid functions is added to at least one molecule of the active ingredient.

R2

16. (Twice Amended) The filter according to claim 4, such that the active ingredient includes a halogen salt medium.

Please add the following claim 29: